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EXDIS/KOOLAI, FOR D. ANDERSON (S/S) ONLY FROM P. TARNOFF

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SUBJECT: SENATOR BAKER IN GENEVA

1. I RECEIVED A CALL FROM HOWARD BAKER'S OFFICE CONVEYING A MESSAGE FROM BAKER TO MR. VANCE THAT THE SENATOR WANTS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE SALT ISSUE ON AN URGENT BASIS. BAKER AND SENATOR PEARSON ARE LEAVING THIS SUNDAY FOR GENEVA WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 27. THEY WERE HOPING THAT PAUL WARNKE WOULD BE IN GENEVA TO SPEND AT LEAST A FULL DAY WITH THEM NEXT WEEK. WHEN I RESPONDED THAT PAUL WAS PLANNING TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER MOSCOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVALUATION OF THE MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS, BAKER ANSWERED THAT HE STILL WANTED HIS INTEREST CONVEYED TO VANCE/WARNKE, BUT THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WOULD MEET WITH PAUL WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 27. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE ALERTED ACDA WHICH WILL COORDINATE (WITH PM AND DOD)

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A FULL PROGRAM FOR BAKER AND PEARSON IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK. IF PAUL DECIDES THAT HE MUST RETURN DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, YOU MIGHT WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE (LES WOULD BE IDEAL) BREAK OFF FROM MOSCOW TO MEET BAKER/PEARSON IN GENEVA TO GIVE THEM A FAST READ-OUT. I AM SURE THAT SUCH A GESTURE WOULD BE APPRECIATED, AND THE VALUE OF BAKER (WHO IS EXPRESSING SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE TREATY AS

PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED) CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED. MR. VANCE
AND PAUL SHOULD ALSO KNOW OF THE DANGER WE PERCEIVE IF
ED ROWNEY RETURNS TO GENEVA AND BRIEFS BAKER. (MAYBE
ED COULD BE BROUGHT BACK ON THE SECRETARY'S PLANE.)
PLEASE LET ME KNOW QUICKLY HOW I SHOULD RESPOND TO BAKER.

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